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Dear Mr. Webster:

We extend a cordial invitation to join us for lunch to meet former Solidarity member, Afghanistan specialist, and National Review foreign correspondent Radek Sikorski. In Poland in 1980-81, Mr. Sikorski was editor of a local underground magazine and also led sit-in strikes in secondary schools. An Oxford graduate, he traveled throughout Soviet-occupied Afghanistan during the war, reporting back to publications in London, Paris and Krakow. He was recently appointed chief foreign correspondent for National Review.

For our group, Mr. Sikorski will discuss the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan: the political and military mistakes of the Soviet leadership; the difficult terrain; the tenacity of the Afghans; America's assistance to the guerrillas; and the political and religious motivations of the Afghan holy war.

We will begin on Thursday, October 13, at 12 o'clock Noon at The National Press Club, 529 14th Street, N.W., corner of 14th and F Streets. Cocktails will be at noon, lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., and discussion with Radek Sikorski will follow. We plan to keep you no longer than 2 p.m.

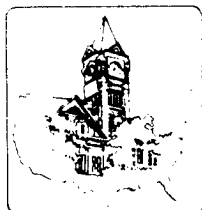
Please be so kind to notify us if you will attend, as our guests. Jeffry Dodt of our staff will handle luncheon arrangements, and you should contact him.

If your schedule does not permit you to attend, we think it appropriate that you designate a colleague to attend in your place.

Sincerely,

Anthony Harrigan  
President

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**RADEK SIKORSKI** is Afghanistan correspondent for The Spectator magazine in London. In the summer of 1986, Mr. Sikorski lived with the Afghan guerrillas, traveling throughout the interior of the country and reporting back to The Spectator, The Sunday Telegraph, Encounter magazine, Kultura (Paris) and Tygodnik Powszechny (Krakow). He is a winner of the Spectator/Sunday Telegraph Young Writer's Award for 1987, and took first prize from World Press Photo for Spot News in 1988.

Mr. Sikorski received his primary and secondary education in Bydgoszcz, Poland. While at high school in 1980-81, he edited the underground magazine Orzel Bialy, and wrote reviews of foreign press for the Bydgoszcz region Solidarity bulletin. In March 1981, he led a sit-in in several secondary schools in Bydgoszcz.

Radek Sikorski attended Cambridge University, and holds a bachelor of arts honors degree in philosophy and politics from the University of Oxford. He took his British Oath of Allegiance in 1987. He has lectured on Afghanistan to the Soviet Studies Center at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst; the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies in London; and at St. Antony's College at Oxford University. In August 1988, Mr. Sikorski was appointed chief foreign correspondent for National Review magazine. His book recounting his travels near the Soviet and Iranian borders, Dust of the Saints -- A Journey to Herat at a Time of War, will be published by Chatto & Windus in 1989.

In September and October, Radek Sikorski will lecture at colleges and universities in Indiana, Texas, Kansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the U.S. Industrial Council Educational Foundation.